

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Meeting Minutes July 21st 2011

Attendees: Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, Charlene Curtiss, Hope Drummond, Mary Beth Lum, Sheelarani Mauck, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Sara Woody.

Guests: Tim Shockley, Julian Wheeler

Guest Speaker: Ashley DeForest from Metro

- Metro receives 60% funding from sales tax, 25% fares, and the rest other sources
- Based on lower sales tax revenue Metro has made cuts in pay, non paid furloughs, and drawn down the bus replacement savings by 50%
- According to metro the next cuts will need to be on direct services
- Cuts will be less if a \$20.00 car tab fee is passed by the King County Council. If the council fails to pass it, then it will go to a public vote in November
- The new schedules will begin February 2012
- Metro has changed the criteria used to determine bus routing and schedules. In the past it was the 40/40/20 guideline. 40% for east suburbs, 40% for south suburbs, and 20% for Seattle.
- The new criteria are based on 1. Productivity 2. Social Equity 3. Geographic value
- The center park bus was discussed, but the metro rep was not familiar with the service
- Metro explained the \$99.00 annual pass could not continue once metro entered into agreements with Sound Transit/ORCA card. Metro does not have the decision making autonomy prior to the agreement. Metro said it may see fares reduced in the future, but the return of the \$99.00 annual pass is not likely.

Education committee will now meet 1st Wednesday of the month. The committee has met with paramedics, and SPD. The meetings are going well, and they expect to build upon the relationships currently being established.

Outreach: The next meeting will be at the Highpoint Library at 4:00PM.

- The idea of a business card and/or sticker with the commission listserve was discussed as a valuable tool. Discussion around the advantages of having both, also available in Braille. Based on recent purchases this may not be expensive possibly \$75.00 for 1000. Discussion around a logo, and of an “art call” without payment . Jacque said SOCR would help with keeping any materials within city guidelines, and other commissions have done this.
- The white cane day was discussed. There is a fee to rent the table, concerns around potential conflict of interest. The committee will check with SOCR on those concerns.

Issues committee was not able to meet due to vacations and other scheduling challenges.

- The SHA letter in response to recommendations was vague, and mentioned concerns tenants have around privacy. The letter did mention that SHA would consider recommendations on training housing managers and creating a form to indicate tenant authorization to enter unit.
- A letter was received from the Mayor around progressive parking fines for disabled parking violators.
- Mobile vending; vendors will be required to display a placard with a city telephone number for complaints about any access issues. Some with the City under the incorrect impression the ADA does not apply to food carts. The Issues Committee responded to explain the law.
- A formal complaint has been filed with the DOJ around the highway 99 tunnel. The need for ramps, and other improvements are needed to ensure everyone can escape the tunnel.

Meeting adjourned